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Russia and its North Caucasus (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Russia and its North Caucasus'.
Answer questions 1-16.

1. Which parts of Russia are often called the North Caucasus?
Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan.
2. What happened at Moscow's international airport in 2011?
A person detonated a bomb in the Arrivals Hall (where people were waiting to meet passengers who arrived from other countries).
3. Who is Vladimir Putin?
The president of Russia.
4. Where were the explosions in Volgograd?
Near the entrance to the railway station; on a trolleybus travelling towards the city centre.
5. Name the capital of Russia and its second largest city.
Moscow; St Petersburg.
6. Why is Dokka Umarov described as 'Russia's most wanted man'?
Government officials have offered a reward of US\$5 million (£3 million) for his capture; he is the leader of the militant groups that officials are sure have carried out recent attacks.
7. Of what did many people accuse Russian soldiers during the fighting in Chechnya?
Treating local people very badly.
8. Who or what are 'Black Widows'?
Women suicide bombers (who are usually the wives and sisters of Muslim fighters who have been killed).

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9. How many federal subjects are there in Russia? Which ones are known as republics?

83. Those that have their own governments.

10. What are the Winter Olympics? When and where will they next take place?

Games (that are held every four years) for sports that take place in snow and on ice. 7th February; Sochi.

11. Who was Osama bin Laden and what happened to him?

The former leader of al-Qaeda; was killed by American special forces in a surprise attack on his house in Pakistan (in 2011).

12. What has Umarov claimed to have set up?

A new Islamic state in the North Caucasus (he calls it the Caucasus Emirate).

13. What happened on 7th January?

Russian officials began one of the biggest security operations in Olympic history.

14. What has Mr Putin said about Russia's Winter Olympics?

That terrorists, or threats of terrorist attacks, will not disrupt them.

15. What are drones and how will they be used?

Unmanned small aircraft (carrying cameras); will fly over the places where all the events are being held.

16. What has Volgograd become a symbol of and why?

Russia's resistance and its eventual victory; it was the site of the Battle of Stalingrad, which was the German army's first big defeat of the Second World War.

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Fiat buys Chrysler (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Fiat buys Chrysler'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. In the USA, Alfa Romeo is one of the 'Big Three'.		✓
2. The recent announcement means that Fiat will now own 60% of Chrysler.		✓
3. Chrysler makes Jeep and Dodge cars.	✓	
4. Sergio Marchionne is Fiat's boss.	✓	
5. Chrysler's headquarters are in the state of Ohio, in the USA.		✓
6. Daimler-Benz is the company that makes Mercedes cars.	✓	
7. Walter Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corporation in 1925.	✓	
8. All Fiat cars are made in Italy.		✓
9. Fiat makes smaller cars, which use less fuel.	✓	
10. In 2007 Chrysler was sold to a company called Cerberus.	✓	

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Panama Canal dispute (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Panama Canal dispute'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. Which company leads the consortium that is widening the Panama Canal?
Which company leads *Grupo Unidos por el Canal* (GUPC)?
A. A Spanish building company called Sacyr.
2. Q. How much did GUPC say the widening would cost (when it tendered/bid for the work)?
A. US\$3.2 billion (£1.95 billion).
3. Q. For how long did the USA run the Panama Canal before handing it over to the government of Panama?
A. 96 years.
4. Q. Before the Panama Canal was built around what did ships have to sail when travelling between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
A. The southern tip of South America, or Cape Horn.
5. Q. What percentage of all world trade goes through the Panama Canal?
A. About 5%.
6. Q. How long (how many hours) does it take ships to travel from one end of the Panama Canal to the other? How long (how many hours) does it take ships to sail through the Panama Canal?
A. Eight hours.
7. Q. How will the Panama government repay the loans/money it has borrowed to widen the Panama Canal? How does the Panama government hope to pay back the loans/money it has borrowed to widen the Panama Canal?
A. By charging larger ships more money to use the canal.
8. Q. What additional amount of money does the consortium/GUPC say the Panama Government must pay for them to finish the canal? What does the consortium/GUPC say is the cost of the overrun? What amount of money has the consortium/GUPC said it must receive by 20th January?
A. US\$1.6 billion (£970 million).

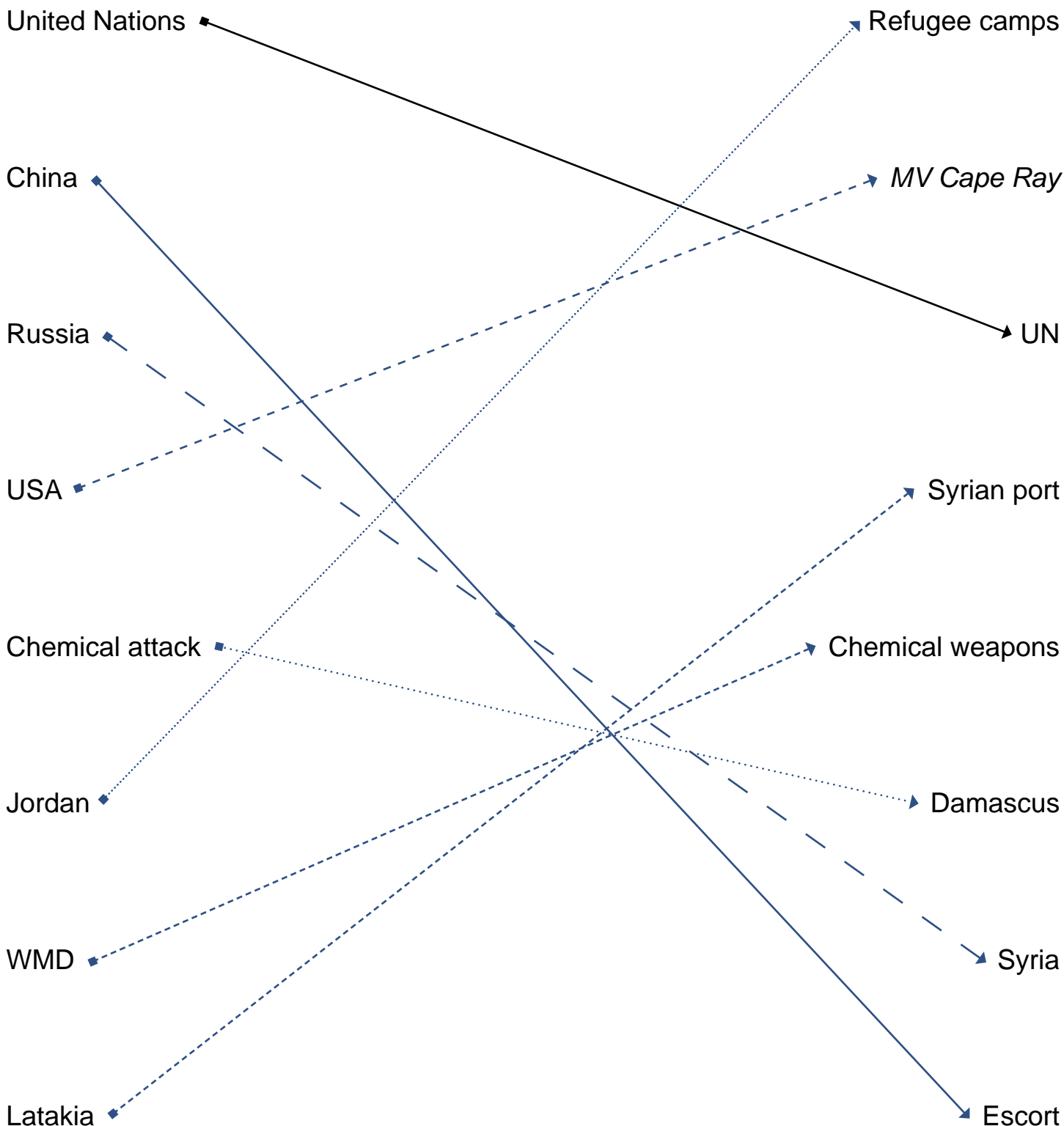
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Chemical weapons leave Syria (Page 8)

Instructions: Read the article 'Chemical weapons leave Syria'.
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.



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Crackdown in Cambodia (Page 3)

Instructions: Read the article 'Crackdown in Cambodia' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

HUN SEN

prime minister of Cambodia;
leader of the Cambodian
People's Party (CPP); run
Cambodia since 1985; one of
the longest serving prime
ministers in the world.

FACTORY WORKERS

(around 600,000 workers) went
on strike on 24th December;
demanding their pay be
doubled to US\$160 (£97) per
month; returned to work on 7th
January after government
crackdown.

CAMBODIAN NATIONAL RESCUE PARTY (CNRP)

main opposition party in
Cambodia; led by Sam Rainsy;
believed there had been
deliberate miscounting of votes
at last election; supporters set
up a protest camp in Freedom
Park, in Phnom Penh, on 15th
December.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

important to Cambodia; large
companies in Europe and North
America use factories in the
country to make their clothes
and shoes; include Gap, Nike
and H&M; each year Cambodia
makes about US\$5 billion (£3
billion) from clothes and shoes
it exports.

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Latvia joins euro (Page 11)

Instructions: Read the article 'Latvia joins euro'.
Answer questions 1-8.

1. List the three Baltic States.
Latvia; Estonia; Lithuania.
2. What is the 'eurozone'?
The 18 European Union (EU) member countries that use the euro (the single currency) for their currency.
3. Latvia used to use roubles for its currency. Why was this?
Roubles are used by Russia; Latvia was controlled (occupied) by the leaders of Russia between 1945 and 1991.
4. When did or when will each of the Baltic States adopt the euro?
Latvia 2014; Estonia 2011; Lithuania 2015.
5. Explain what can appear on each side of euro coins.
All euro coins have the same design on one side; each country selects three of its own designs for the coins' other side.
6. What designs do Latvian euro coins have?
One and two euro coins: Latvian maiden; 10, 20 and 50-cent coins: greater coat of arms; one, two and five-cent coins: lesser coat of arms.
7. When were euro banknotes and coins first used? Which three European Union (EU) member countries have chosen not to use the euro?
1st January 2002. The UK; Denmark; Sweden.
8. What has coats of arms and what are they?
Most European countries and many cities in Europe; official symbols of the country or city.

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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. ARISQ

I R A Q

2. RCNYWOA

N O R W A Y

3. HGNLSTDABAE

B A N G L A D E S H

4. GTAOCN

T O N G A

5. VITIAAL

L A T V I A

6. AQOMEZIOBMU

M O Z A M B I Q U E

7. EBMIGALU

B E L G I U M

8. ACRIDOMAB

C A M B O D I A

9. MAANAPA

P A N A M A

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Mystery country = C O S T A R I C A

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Issue 214 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 214. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Red crabs ⁽¹⁾Mount Vesuvius ⁽²⁾Ivory ⁽³⁾GUPC ⁽⁴⁾Freedom Park ⁽⁵⁾Sochi ⁽⁶⁾HeroRats ⁽⁷⁾WMD ⁽⁸⁾~~Aurora Australis~~ ⁽⁹⁾Panama Canal ⁽⁴⁾China ⁽¹⁰⁾Iraq ⁽¹¹⁾Winter Olympics ⁽⁶⁾

Latvian maiden

Chemical weapons ⁽⁸⁾Phnom Penh ⁽⁵⁾teebreaker ⁽⁹⁾Kalashnikov ⁽¹²⁾Pompeii ⁽²⁾Burj Khalifa ⁽¹³⁾Anbar ⁽¹¹⁾Christmas Island ⁽¹⁾Landmines ⁽⁷⁾Dubai ⁽¹³⁾African elephants ⁽³⁾Assault rifle ⁽¹²⁾Giant pandas ⁽¹⁰⁾

Odd one out = LATVIAN MAIDEN

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Issue 214 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 214 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Of which two gases is the Sun made?**
 - a. Carbon dioxide and methane
 - b. Nitrogen and oxygen
 - c. Carbon monoxide and chlorine
 - d. **Hydrogen and helium**
 - e. Phosgene and cyanogen chloride
2. **Which county has just joined the 'eurozone'?**
 - a. **Latvia**
 - b. Sweden
 - c. Denmark
 - d. Poland
 - e. Portugal
3. **To where did the Australian explorer Douglas Mawson lead an expedition in 1911?**
 - a. The North Pole
 - b. Amazon rainforest
 - c. Mount Everest
 - d. Central Africa
 - e. **Antarctica**
4. **Which car company has become the new owner of Chrysler?**
 - a. **Fiat**
 - b. Volkswagen
 - c. Toyota
 - d. General Motors (GM)
 - e. BMW
5. **In which city is the Brandenburg Gate?**
 - a. **Berlin**
 - b. Vienna
 - c. Moscow
 - d. Paris
 - e. Stockholm
6. **Which longitude line, or meridian, does the International Date Line roughly follow?**
 - a. 90°
 - b. 100°
 - c. 120°
 - d. **180°**
 - e. 200°
7. **Of which Asian country is Hun Sen the prime minister?**
 - a. Myanmar (Burma)
 - b. Sri Lanka
 - c. Laos
 - d. **Cambodia**
 - e. Vietnam
8. **Who is the leader of the Awami League political party in Bangladesh?**
 - a. **Sheikh Hasina**
 - b. Khaleda Zia
 - c. Fakhruddin Ahmed
 - d. Rowshan Ershad
 - e. Latifur Rahman
9. **In which American state are licensed shops now allowed to sell marijuana?**
 - a. Texas
 - b. **Colorado**
 - c. California
 - d. Massachusetts
 - e. Georgia
10. **In 1972, who gave two giant pandas to the American president, Richard Nixon?**
 - a. Chiang Kai-shek
 - b. Ma Ying-jeou
 - c. Hu Jin-tao
 - d. **Mao Zedong**
 - e. Deng Xiaoping